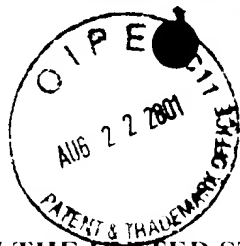


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY**  
**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 27, 2001, in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby elect Group IV comprising claims 46 and 47, with traverse. Claims 1-45 and 48-64 are hereby withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that all groups of claims should be examined together. Applicants reserve full rights to prosecute non-elected Claims 1-45 and 48-64 in divisional applications.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits.